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The following is a summary of Soviet activities along the Soviet-Iranian border during the period 13-15 January 1951.

1. Pol Dasht

15 January

Rail Traffic

Five trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 98 closed cars, 39 tank cars, 10 freight cars, 11 cars carrying logs and two cars carrying electric motors.

night

Seven trains of unknown make-up.

2. Dzhulfa

14 January

Rail Traffic

Seven trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 60 box cars, 45 tank cars, 20 empty gondolas, 17 gondolas carrying seven autos, one crane and lumber, and one locomotive.

night

Five trains of unknown make-up.

15 January

Rail Traffic

Six trains composed of an unstated number of passenger cars, 72 box cars, 20 tank cars and 21 gondolas.

night

Three trains of unknown make-up.

13 mortar bursts were observed northeast of Dzhulfa.

Eight soldiers practiced rifle firing.

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3. Sia Rud

14 January

Rail Traffic

Three trains composed of 38 freight cars, nine tank cars and 21 gondolas carrying logs, coal and cases. One gondola carrying flour was unloaded at the Khuda Afarin post. [REDACTED]

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15 January

Rail Traffic

Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 25 freight cars, 12 tank cars, 43 gondolas, and 10 gondolas carrying logs, coal and four trucks. [REDACTED]

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4. Astara

15 January

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: two jeeps, one ambulance and 12 trucks carrying six officers, 32 armed and 24 unarmed soldiers, boxes of cartridges, lime, hay, and two portable wireless sets. Three cavalry officers were also observed.

East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: 10 trucks and eight carts carrying two officers, 92 armed soldiers and 29 civilians. A group of unarmed infantrymen was also observed.

Between Masjed Mahalleh and the post under observation farthest west: nine trucks and 10 carts carrying one officer, 24 armed and eight unarmed soldiers, 16 civilians and foodstuffs.

12 boats fished at sea off Astara.

Three soldiers engaged in rifle practice at Astara.

Three rockets were fired at Masjed Mahalleh and two at Astara.

5. Lutfabad

13-14 January
(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

Eight trains composed of 31 passenger cars, 21 freight cars and 84 freight cars of which 12 carried logs, 5 carried foodstuffs, 3 were empty and the remainder were covered. [REDACTED]

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Eastbound: 10 trains composed of 31 tank cars and 258 freight cars of which 53 carried coal, four carried logs, five carried guns, six carried armored cars, two carried weapons carriers, three carried aircraft, one carried autos, 41 were empty and the remainder were covered.

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